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At a reception given at The Plaza, New York City, on the evening of January 29, 1916, which was attended by about eight hundred of Mary Baker Eddy's followers, selections from oratorios and other sacred music were rendered by several artists who were among the guests of the evening.

The following extemporaneous Address was given by Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., in response to the request of the guests.

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AS a student of our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, I greet you all to-night with "Good evening," which means, in Christian Science parlance, an evening in which we unite in contemplation of our God and His perfect spiritual universe, composed of His thoughts, or children, of which universe each of us, in our divine identity, is an individual member, held in the bonds of infinite Love and pinnaled in eternal Life.

To human sense this gathering would appear to be of a worldly character, made up of physical personalities, not differing in appearance, or adornment, from those to be found to-night in similar environments, but, to spiritual sense, which pierces the veil of corporeality, and mentally perceives the ever present, spiritual, mental man of Mind's creating, there is as great a difference as that between light and darkness, or substance and shadow.

As Christian Scientists we accept Mrs. Eddy's metaphysical premise, viz., "All is infinite Mind and its in-

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finite manifestation, for God is All-in-all."¹ We believe that God is in all that is *real* and *eternal*, and in nothing that seems to sin, suffer, and die. Thus God, Spirit, Mind is expressed in a universe of His own thoughts, or ideas, which reflect His eternal being, or Life, Love, and Truth. This is the only God, omnipotent Mind, and His ever present spiritual manifestation, or universe, is the only real universe.

Christ Jesus acknowledged but one God who evolved a perfect universe which He holds under His law of eternal Life. He denounced the claim to another creator,—a so-called mortal mind expressed in a sinful, sick, and dying world,—and warned his students against evil in these words, "Love not the [material] world, neither the things that are in the [material] world [the product of the carnal mind]. If any man love the [material] world, the love of the Father is not in him."²

Agès ago prophets testified of the allness of God. Jeremiah declared, "Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good."³ He refused to believe in God *and* the devil, good *and* evil. To him there was but one God.

As there is but one God, one creative cause, from which issues a spiritual universe, or Christ, all that *appears* to be, but is unlike God; all that *seems* to be the opposite of Life, viz., so-called death, or cessation of existence; all that *claims* to be a power called hate and fear, the antithesis of Love; all that false material

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 468.

² John ii., 15.

³ Lamentations iii., 38.

sense represents as variable, changeable, and destructible, the reverse of immutable Truth; *all* phenomena which contradict omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent God, eternal Mind and spiritual phenomena, are regarded by Christian Scientists as neither the real man, the real woman nor child,—“neither person, place, nor thing,”¹ but merely the objects of false material sense such as dreamers externalize.

Christian Scientists regard physical personality as the expression of a so-called carnal mind which possesses neither “life, truth, intelligence, nor substance,”² therefore is no part of God’s creation. It is the false mental claim to a creator, or power, the opposite of Spirit, God. “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord,”³ rang down the ages, until Christ Jesus appeared, whose spiritual, divine nature, supreme over the false human claim of an existence apart from Spirit asserted itself, and enabled our Way-shower to triumph over the Adam-dream—the creator of illusions—the so-called human or carnal mind, the suppositional material generator of mortals, described by Job, as “of few days, and full of trouble,”⁴ who appear only to disappear.

With his divine consciousness Christ Jesus finally proved his spiritual source and origin in infinite, eternal Mind, vanquished the last enemy,—a belief of life as existent in so-called mortal mind, and its matter embodiment,—and walked forth triumphant over the illusion of death.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 71.

² *Science and Health*, p. 468.

³ Deuteronomy vi., 4.

⁴ Job xiv., 1.

According to the metaphysical hypothesis, which all Christian Scientists accept and strive to demonstrate, God and man are inseparable as cause and effect, as Principle and idea, as Father and child. There can, therefore, be no other cause than eternal Life, Love, and Truth, and no *real* effect but a spiritual universe peopled with God's ideas, the manifestation of omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Spirit whose law governs all creation "from the infinitesimal to the infinite."¹

This is our God whom we endeavor to worship according to the teaching and demonstration of our Way-shower, Christ Jesus, the masculine representative of the fatherhood of God, and our revered Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, the feminine representative of God's motherhood whose demonstration over the claim of so-called death will finally be made through the spiritualization of universal thought, and the inevitable and apparent self-annihilation of the carnal, so-called mind, its false time-world, its "illegitimate living"² and its "fearful and doleful dying"² which is now being enacted in the dream-world-war of suppositional satanic activity, and which will end in the self-destruction of the carnal so-called mind and its manifestation; while all that is of God will remain, because of the indestructibility of the Christ-mind,—or man in God's image.

Christ's mighty argument "man is immortal" rolled down the centuries, until it was heard by one, who, having been quickened by years of diligent search for

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 336.

² *Science and Health*, p. 203.

Truth, through the inspired writers of the Holy Bible, caught the spiritual sense of Christ's message and that of the divinely illumined prophets. Again the star, or light, appeared which should guide the wise men of the nineteenth century to Christ, who sets free from bondage to a belief in sin, sorrow, and death.

Fifty years ago the truth of scientific being—man's oneness with and possible demonstration of Principle, or eternal Mind, dawned upon a woman—our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy. In following her Master she has called, in the words of Scripture, to earth's dreamers, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."¹

Mary Baker Eddy turned the attention of the world to Christ and his words of Life and light. She held aloft his statements, "I am the light of the world;"² "I and my Father are one;"³ "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."⁴ She taught that Jesus did not regard himself as dual, composed of both good and evil, spirit and flesh, mind and matter, or that he possessed an immortal and a mortal consciousness, but that he recognized his divine source, Spirit or Mind, and himself, his spiritual consciousness, as a reflector—an emanation of Life and Love. To those who saw him through carnal, human concepts, the belief of life and intelligence in matter, he seemed blasphemous, and they cried: "Crucify him, . . . he made himself the Son of God."⁵

¹ Ephesians v., 14.

² John viii., 12.

⁴ John xiv., 9.

³ John x., 30.

⁵ John xix., 6, 7.

Through spiritual illumination our great Leader, Mrs. Eddy, has taught us how the deeds of Christ were wrought; how to interpret his words and demonstration; how to follow him up to the Principle from which he was inseparable, and from which he taught his disciples that they also were inseparable, in the following words: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us;"¹ and which enabled him to overcome the suppositional forces of evil in his triumph over the fleshly mind expressed in a material world and all the claims of so-called evil. Spiritual thought-force must be accepted, a knowledge of it acquired, and an understanding of its power demonstrated if we would follow Christ.

Scholastic theologians have questioned Mrs. Eddy's use of the word, Principle, as not expressive of God, or a creator. Let us consider this objection in the light of Christian Science, viz., that "all causation was Mind, and every effect a mental phenomenon."² The great First Cause of being is Spirit, Mind, Principle. Cause being infinite its expression must be infinite.

Who at any time has seen God? Who at any time has seen Mind? Who has seen Principle? The principle of mathematics is expressed in rules, in figures, and characters which are used to demonstrate the rules of mathematics. These figures range from the unit to infinite calculus. The principle of mathematics is not visible except in its expression in numbers; the principle of

¹ John xvii., 21.

² *Retrospection and Introspection*, p. 24.

music is invisible and is seen only in notes, etc., and the harmony they produce.

When shall we see God's man, in the likeness of eternal Life, Love, Truth, or God imaged forth in His infinite manifestation? Christ Jesus said: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father [creative Principle, and its idea, or man,] . . . is perfect."¹

We admit a principle back of every expression, and are satisfied to accept the unseen principle of mathematics, an hypothesis, through objects which manifest a principle. The Principle of being, Mind, called God, or Spirit is externalized in infinite man, the spiritual universe, or Christ. The infinite objects, or ideas, which infinite Mind, or Spirit evolves, compose the universe and reflect creative Principle from which emanate all things. God's law governs and controls every idea. The Bible says, "Blessed are the pure in heart [spiritual thought]: for they shall see God [in His ideas, or Christ]."²

As we cannot see the principle of mathematics except through numbers, nor the principle of music without notes and the harmony they express, neither can we see the Principle of being, the eternal God, creative Mind, except through man, in the image and likeness of God, who is "Immanuel, or *God with us*."³

Mrs. Eddy taught us to struggle to attain the Mind of Christ which would reveal every object in the universe as perfect as the perfect Principle of which it is

¹ Matthew v., 48.

² Matthew v., 8.

³ *Science and Health*, p. 34.

a reflection. In writing of Jesus she said, "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals."¹ Spiritual sense revealed to Christ Jesus a spiritual universe and an individual spiritual man.

We are indeed "a peculiar people" whose God is eternal Life and Love. We have learned that all power is in spiritual thought—our divine individuality. Believing that "every thought is an embryo, every word a planted seed," with the author of these words, we "look to it well that the seed [word] we sow, be for the flower and not for the weed:" be for life, not for death, be for *immortality*—here, now, and forever.

As emanations of Life and Love we find ourselves emerging gradually into spirituality, or oneness with a mighty power and presence, of which we become aware that we are spiritual factors, or demonstrators. This reveals our at-one-ment with omnipotent Mind and the "dominion" that God gave to man whom He made in His own image and likeness, to manifest His ever-presence and allness. This is our God, and His Christ, spiritual man, and our individual membership in the body of Christ. We have waited for the ideal man, Christ, to burst the veil of the false mental cloud which has seemed to obscure the light of the world. At this, Christ's second appearance, he is dispersing every shadowy illusion of the carnal so-called mind, with the effulgent Christ-light—eternal Life and Love. The government is upon the shoulder of Christ and they that are Christ's.

¹ *Science and Health*, pp. 476, 477.

As I listened to the anthems sung by "the sweet singers of Israel" who were moved by the Spirit and by the understanding also, I rose, as never before, to the spiritual apprehension of those wonderful words of the Revelator: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away."¹ In luminous letters shone the words "a new heaven and a new earth," and quickly following came Mrs. Eddy's statement, "the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the unilluminated human mind, the vision is material. This shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages of consciousness."²

I think all present understand that the "new heaven" and the "new earth" wherein dwelleth the eternal God and His people, is being revealed through spiritualization of thought, and by making our at-one-ment with the Principle of being in our reflection of eternal consciousness. The present time-world-war confirms the teachings of prophets, Jesus Christ, the disciples, and Mary Baker Eddy, that human concepts and their embodiments are fast being dissolved by Christ, and they that are Christ's.

As we look out upon the Adam-dream-world in which, as Paul tells us, "all die," who can believe that the seeming conditions of unspeakable woe can be the product of a wise creator, the manifestation of a loving Father-Mother God, who is eternal Life and Love. Paul says,

¹ Revelation xxi., 1.

² *Science and Health*. n. 573.

"As in Adam [so-called material sense] all die, even so in Christ [spiritual sense] shall all be made alive;"¹ also, "To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."²

Conceding to Paul a knowledge of divine metaphysics, that effects are traceable to a cause that evolves them, he wisely discerned that disease and death proceeded from the carnal mind with its belief of life, truth, intelligence, and substance in matter, and not from the Christ, immortal consciousness, which emanates from Spirit, Principle, eternal Mind, and is governed by the law of immutable Truth. Granting to Paul this knowledge, all must admit that the conditions which the carnal, so-called mind manifest to-day throughout the world are the phenomena of a suppositional demoniacal energy which we attribute to the carnal mind, called in Scripture the dragon, or Satan, who is engaged in the second and *final* death grapple with Christ, to whose second appearing the Revelator refers in the following words: "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. . . . Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."³ Our Leader emphasizes this statement when she says that "God's fiat" to sin is "self-extinction."⁴

¹ I Corinthians xv., 22.

² Romans viii., 6.

³ Revelation xii., 10, 12.

⁴ *Message* 1901, p. 5.

It cannot be difficult for the most materially minded to admit that so-called evil is engaged in a warfare of self-extinction. A suppositional carnal self-constituted belief, a lie and liars, masquerading as men, inflamed with fear, hatred, envy, jealousy, revenge, greed, lust, hypocrisy, covetousness, and pride of place and authority are fast being dissolved in the flames of their own creating. A material universe, expressed in darkness, sin, suffering, sorrow, and death, is vanishing before the light of Spirit—"Immanuel"—the reflection of God through Christ, the eternal man, and they that are Christ's.

It seems incredible that in these latter days, there are those who believe themselves to be watchmen upon the hills of Zion, who, having studied the Bible from beginning to end, and having stood for years believing they were messengers of God, yet to-day, seem not to have the slightest apprehension of the Science of Life, of God as Principle, the only creator, and man evolved from Spirit as the *only real man*. They appear to have no spiritual understanding of the oneness and allness of omnipotent Life, Love, and Truth, and the spiritual universe which includes individual ideas, or members of the body of Christ. They seem blind to the fact that "all causation was Mind, and every effect a mental phenomenon."¹ They admit two powers, Life and death, God and evil, Mind and matter, Spirit and flesh, the Christ-mind and the so-called mortal mind, both as having reality.

¹ *Retrospection and Introspection*, p. 24.

Until these public teachers turn their attention to the consideration of divine metaphysics and Christ Jesus' teaching, they will continue to be "blind leaders of the blind," working from *two* standpoints, virtually acknowledging *two* powers, which continually war against each other—"for the flesh lusteth against the Spirit,"¹—the so-called human element struggles against the divine nature in individual consciousness, until the self-destruction of the carnal false belief, and the demonstration of God and His Christ will be found to be the only reality of eternal existence.

Job cried, "Where is God my Maker?"² "Oh that I knew where I might find Him!"³ Have we not all cried out with Job, where is God? Oh that I might find Him!

Again I ask, have you ever desired to see the principle of mathematics, or the principle of music? Have you ever questioned the possibility of seeing cause? Can you visualize Truth?

As you cannot see the principle of mathematics or of music, neither can you see Principle—eternal Mind—which creates and controls all manifested things, from the infinitesimal to infinity, except in His universe peopled with His children or ideas.

Spiritual sense alone will enable us to see our brother and sister, and every object in the universe of Mind, which is the expression of God. Then let us see God in man, who represents God eternal Life and Truth.

¹ Galations v., 17.

² Job xxxv., 10.

³ Job xxiii., 3.

Then shall we rejoice in the ideas which *image forth* God's likeness in outline, form, color, beauty, and harmony. In fact we can each say with the Psalmist, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness,"¹—when we each *manifest God's glory*. When we have attained to an understanding of this scientific statement of being, it will not be difficult to grasp the meaning of the Scripture, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me [God and His ideas],"² and Jesus' injunction, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."³

It is not an easy task to "put off the old man with his deeds,"⁴ mortal thoughts and their influence, and "put on" the Christ-mind: or to begin the work of redeeming our birthright, "dominion," or eternal existence.

Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy met and stormed sin, the fleshly mind and its embodiment, in its citadel, and taught us how to find God; how to walk and think after the Spirit and not after the fleshly so-called mind. Believing in their teaching and work, dare we deny our Christ consciousness as a *present* possession, and our divine reality as emanating from God and inseparable from eternal Mind?

Having demonstrated the power of Truth up to the present moment, who will deny *me* the right to proclaim my faith in eternal Life, the source of all manifestation? My declaration, "I am immortal *now*," has roused the carnal mind to repeat, as of yore, "Crucify him, . . .

¹ Psalms xvii., 15.

² Exodus xx., 3.

³ Matthew xix., 19.

⁴ Colossians, iii., 9.

he made himself the Son of God."¹ But the fury of the enemy of good has not prevented me from *continuing* to *declare* and *demonstrate* my divine selfhood as God's child, and to *defend genuine* Christian Science until our Leader comes forth *victor* over the claim of death, and a *demonstrator* of her teaching, viz., that Life and Life's ideas are real, and the objects of the fleshly so-called mind, which appear to live, but end in destruction, are illusions.

Every object in the universe, which we cognize through material sense, hints a spiritual reality, just as every shadow indicates an object which casts it. Material phenomena, which are the thoughts of mortals objectified, or expressed in the material world, are but the counterfeit of the spiritual universe which was, is, and ever will be eternal.

To reveal the spiritual and only universe, we must put on the Mind of Christ, use "the sword of the Spirit, . . . the word of God,"²—and cease to attribute power and presence to evil and its phenomena, a world of sinners, which God never made, a warring belief-world where Cain kills his brother, Abel, and embodied evil is driven to its final disappearance, as darkness flees before the light.

Christian Scientists, on which side are you *enlisted*? Let me answer for you. You are fighting a mental battle, a conflict between a false mentality—the belief that matter has life, that it sins, suffers, and dies,—and your

¹ John xix., 6, 7.

² Ephesians vi., 17.

divine individuality, your real spiritual identity as sons and daughters of eternal Mind. You are awake to the spiritual fact of your mental "dominion" over the claim of a false power called mortal mind. You, with me, are soldiers of Christ. We are engaged in a mighty mental warfare against mortal mind, or evil, with its phenomena, a material universe claiming to be real, and masquerading as God's creation. Our weapons are not carnal (thoughts) but mighty (spiritual thoughts) to the pulling down of strongholds, viz., the reality of evil and its manifestation—a sinning, sick, and dying world.

Paul was a divine metaphysician. He understood his birthright to be spiritual, and claimed and demonstrated the power of his Christ-mind. He said: "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."¹ He also emphasized his spiritual convictions in the following statement: "To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."² He recognized the fundamental fact in Christian Science in these words, "The wages of sin [a belief of life in matter] is death."³

Are we prepared to meet the on-coming dragon who is engaged in the *second* death struggle with Christ, at this, Christ's *second* coming? Are we, Christ's soldiers, armed to cross mental swords with the carnal so-called mind—within and from without? Listen to the words of our revered Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, "Clad in the

¹ II Corinthians x., 4.

³ Romans vi., 23.

² Romans viii., 6.

panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you,"¹ and "keep your minds so filled with Truth and Love, that sin, disease, and death cannot enter them."²

To allow the enemy to *enter* our citadel, would imply the *surrender* of our stronghold, and its possession by our mental adversary. Shot and shell, the mental missiles of the so-called carnal mind, have been hurled at us. The forces of belief,—fear, hate, revenge, greed, hypocrisy, and all sensuality,—the lie,—may foam out fiery fury to terrify us and externalize its concepts in Zeppelins, submarines, mines, and poisons—but, firm on the rock, Christ, the understanding of the allness of God, and our oneness with eternal Mind, and the nothingness and powerlessness of the carnal mind, when met with the power of spiritual love and truth, we maintain our position and rise with Christ.

Behind the breastworks of omnipotence we reflect the light of Spirit which puts our enemies to flight. We must meet and master our *belief* in the reality of evil, before we can gain the victory over our belief in the *power* and *presence* of the claim of evil. Shadows fade into nothingness before the noonday light.

Again I ask, are we prepared for this final combat? Have we the Mind of Christ with which "to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked"³? Have we crossed swords with animal magnetism—innocent, ignorant, and malicious—the animal propensities of the carnal so-called mind? Have we been at times tempted to rest in

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 571.

² *Miscellany*, p. 210.

³ Ephesians vi., 16.

fancied peace, and ease in personal sense? Have we not often heard the aggressive mental suggestion, "Why watch and fight and pray without ceasing? If God is All there is no evil," or a subtler argument, "There is no need to watch, if God is All. You make evil real by watching for it." Resist this suggestion and continue your watch, "For in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."¹

When we begin our warfare against suppositional evil we find it has long claimed us, and our work is to free *ourselves* from this false mentality—from impersonal evil—and to defend our spiritual sense from all who personify the carnal mind.

With Truth and Love, our spiritual weapons, we begin to reverse our false mental concepts. The enemy we confront is active, but powerless to overthrow us, *if we are panoplied in truth and love.*

My dear students, followers with me of the teachings of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, are we prepared, at this supreme and final demonstration of Christ, to aid in the destruction of the adversary, the carnal mind, and its manifestation,—a sinful, sick, suffering, sorrowing, and dying world, which is all too apparently passing away,—while the *real* man, and the *real* world of God's creating are being revealed? When may we, with John the Revelator, be able to say, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away"²?

¹ Matthew xxiv., 44.

² Revelation xxi., 1.

From our spiritual view-point, thus far attained, we are beholding the dragon engaged in the annihilation of his objectified, illusive phenomena called mortal man and a material time-world. This fleeting belief-world composed of mortals is the counterfeit of God's man and is not the real, harmonious universe governed by the law of eternal Truth and Love, the Principle of all that is immortal.

As we dwell in "the secret place of the most High,"¹ our spiritual habitation, our divine individuality, we realize that we "abide under the shadow of the Almighty."¹ David sang, "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."¹ In this spiritual atmosphere do we not feel the presence of Christ, under whose banner we have enlisted, and whose protecting love has led us thus far on the way from mortal belief, to spiritual understanding of our oneness with eternal Mind where peace, joy, love for God and His ideas—our brother and sister—reign?

Realizing as I do to-night the imminence and allness of God and His spiritual universe, including individual man, I seem to hear our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, asking each of her followers present, "'Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me?"² When I was *personally* with you, did you, through

¹ Psalm xci., 1, 7, 8.

² John xiv., 9.

spiritual sense, apprehend my individual identity as God's representative, as spiritual and not material? Do you honor God by acknowledging His son, the spiritual individuality of your brother and sister—the sons and daughters of God? Do you understand the meaning of the words of the inspired disciples of Christ Jesus, 'Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost'? Do you know the Son and the Father are one, and that the Holy Ghost is divine Science—the atmosphere of Spirit? John says, 'Now are we the sons of God.'¹

Believing as I do in God and His ideal man, Christ, and holding to the spiritual fact of my individual membership in the body of Christ, may I not ask, have I been so long time with *you* and "yet hast thou not known me"? Have you held yourselves, your brothers and sisters, and every object in the universe as mortal or immortal? Have you believed in a material and a spiritual origin,—two creators, two sources of being,—good and evil, Mind and matter? No, you cannot have reversed the teaching of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy.

Let us continue our glorious mental warfare against a suppositional power opposed to Life and Love, and here or hereafter, win our crown of immortal sovereignty.

The question of physical preparedness is agitating humanity throughout the nation. The government is pre-

¹ I. John iii., 2.

paring to defend human lives and material possessions by arming with the same deadly weapons which the nations of Europe employ in battle of brother against brother. Knowing no other weapons but material armament—that which the carnal mind conceives and expresses in destructive and material forces—there is nothing left for mortals to do but to *arm* and *defend their* material sense of life and material treasures. The war will finally end in the survival of all that is Christly in character, for spiritual sense is self-sustaining.

Prophets, seers, Christ Jesus, and Mary Baker Eddy prophesied these latter days. Adam and his progeny are engaged in a warfare of self-annihilation. The dream-world is wasting itself on the shores of time. Notwithstanding the testimony of *human* sense, our *spiritual* sense assures us that the government of the United States and of the whole world is on the shoulder of Christ, and “of his government . . . there shall be no end.”¹ “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”²—the ideal man of God’s creating.

Do our President, Woodrow Wilson, and his Cabinet, the members of Congress, and the Judiciary, admit but one God, eternal Life, the creator of all that is real? Do these who assume and to whom is entrusted the government of our nation understand the Science of being, the Principle of all phenomena? Are they, and others in authority throughout our country, intelligently, men-

¹ Isaiah ix., 7.

² Isaiah ix., 6.

tally, with the Mind of Christ, meeting the conditions which confront them, or are they in ignorance of the *cause* of the war, the carnal mind, working for personal aggrandizement—place and authority—with no spiritual armor with which “to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked”?¹

Again I repeat, the government of the universe is upon the shoulder of Christ. These are the latter days. Christ is come to end wars, and all that produces war. The law of Spirit must be obeyed. God is not mocked. Are the men to whom is confided the safety of humanity in our country, representing the character of Christ Jesus? Despite all material evidence to the contrary, the government is upon the shoulder of God and His Christ. The Christly qualities which each representative of our government possesses will *eventually*, as they yield to the divine impulsion of God’s ideal man, who is the power behind the throne, rise to the demands of the hour and obey the activities of God and His Christ. The law of Love will compel every knee to bow, and every tongue to confess that Life and Love is the only Mind. Are these guardians of American rights—“life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”—prepared with spiritual armor to meet the warring mental forces of the carnal mind, within and from without? *No other weapons will succeed.*

Christian Scientists, cry *aloud* to all dreamers, to prepare for defense against the enemy of good, to put on

¹ Ephesians vi, 16.

the impregnable armor of righteousness, right thinking, the omnipotent armor of spiritual thought-force, whose radium puts darkness to flight. The Prince of Peace, Christ, will cast out the claim of evil, all that "worketh abomination, or maketh a lie,"¹ and will reveal the new heaven and the new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away.

As we read of the self-sacrifice, deprivation, and suffering of those who are engaged in deadly warfare to defend and save their country and their possessions from the invader, let us each ask ourselves, have *I* fought as bravely to conquer and destroy false appetites and sensuous pleasures, which war against my Christ-mind, that I might defend *my divine inheritance*—my spiritual birthright—"dominion" over all things, through my unity with eternal Life, Love, and Truth?

As the world-war between the human and divine mentalities—both individual and universal—rages, as Christ, the ideal man of God's creating, "Immanuel, or *God with us*,"² demands and urges recognition,—while the carnal man so-called, resists obedience to the law of Love, and mortal man's inhumanity to his brother man "makes countless thousands mourn,"—while the carnal so-called mind, the generator of all that sins, suffers, and finally disappears is in final contest for the supremacy of *its claim* to a law of life and intelligence in matter, which is opposed to the law of Spirit,—while evil is asking at the second appearing of Christ, why "art thou

¹ Revelation xxi., 27.

² *Science and Health*, p. 34.

come to destroy us;" while all this seems to human sense to be real *we* know, that so-called evil, objectified in deadly instruments of warfare, is hastening on to final self-destruction.

We discern the fact that envy, jealousy, hatred, malice, greed, avarice, pride of place and power externalized in all the destructive phenomena of the dragon-belief, are only hastening on to their own self-extinction.

In contemplating the present world-war the words of Isaiah seem to be in process of fulfilment.

Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

... The earth is moved exceedingly.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison.¹

Across time's storm-lashed sea, we know that Christ is commanding the waves, and is again voicing his

¹ Isaiah xxiv., 1, 5, 19, 21, 22.